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Ames, Iowa, Dec. 30--Prof. George W. Snedecor, widely known Iowa State College statistician, Monday night was elected president of the American Statistical Association at the annual meeting which he is attending in New York City. He succeeds Willard L. Thorp, assistant Secretary of State, in that post.

Prof. Snedecor, who has been serving as vice-president of the organization, is the first person in the field of agricultural research ever to head the association. His selection climaxes a series of distinctions for his work in the field of statistics. He is a fellow of the American Association for Advancement of Science, the Institute of Mathematical Statistics and of the association which he now heads.

Prof. Snedecor founded the Statistical Laboratory at Iowa State in 1933, after joining the staff here 20 years previously. He was a pioneer in the movement to stimulate application of statistics to agricultural experiments.

He retired last July 1 as director of the Laboratory, but is continuing to serve as professor of statistics and consultant to the Laboratory.

Prof. Snedecor has developed cooperative statistical projects with the Bureau of Agricultural Economics and the Bureaus of Census and Weather at Iowa State. The national master sample of agriculture, a million dollar projection, was constructed under this cooperation, and curricula in climatology instituted in cooperation with the Weather Bureau.

Prof. Snedecor is the author of a widely used text on statistical methods. His publications include "Correlation and Machine Calculation," co-authored by Henry A. Wallace, and "Analysis of Variance and Covariance." He has written numerous research bulletins and extensively for scientific journals.

The Iowa State man is a graduate of the University of Alabama and did graduate work at the University of Michigan.

At the New York meeting with him is Oscar Kempthorne, of the Statistical Laboratory.